

Bowser Is a Hunter

Gets a Gun and Starts Out to Bag Rabbits—His Wife Strongly Objects and Reminds Him He Knows Nothing About Firearms, Which Rouses His Indignation.

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HALF an hour after the Bow-sers had finished dinner the other evening a messenger handed a package in at the front door, and as Mrs. Bowser received it she called to Mr. Bowser in the sitting room:

"You had better run after the boy and tell him he has made a mistake. This package can't be for us."

"That package is all right," he answered as he came out into the hall. "It's from my friend Taylor, and I was expecting it."

"But it looks to me like a gun case," and so it is."

"And what on earth do you want with a gun? You have got at least four old revolvers around the house, and now somebody has made you believe you ought to have a gun. I suppose the next thing will be a quick firing cannon."

"Don't excite yourself unnecessarily, my dear," said Mr. Bowser as he unpacked the case and brought the gun out. "I have been planning for three or four days past to take a day off and go gunning. Farmers say that rabbits are thicker this winter than ever before, and tomorrow I shall drop out

and don't know about such things, but when you spoke of going hunting it did seem to me that—that—"

"It seemed to you what, madam?"

"That a man—a person—who had never fired a gun—"

"Madam!"

"I mean a person who—who—"

"Stop right there, or I will not answer for results!"

Poor Mrs. Bowser was putting her foot into it deeper and deeper, and she shut her lips for good. Only a few words passed from that hour to bed-time, and when she awoke in the morning Mr. Bowser was all dressed. He had dreamed of rabbits all night. He had seen them by the thousand. They had come in droves and begged him to turn them into rabbit pie, and he had loaded a freight car with their frozen bodies. There was little conversation over breakfast, and as soon as it was dispatched he shouldered his gun and started off. Mrs. Bowser and the cat watched him from the front steps, but he never took a backward look as long as he was in sight.

"Is that a goon he has on his shoulder, ma'am?" asked the cook ten minutes later.

"Yes."

"Then you may get your mourning



HE BLAZED AWAY AT A CHIPMUNK ON THE FENCE.

into the country and knock a few of them over. Do you think you can show me how to make a rabbit pie?"

"I presume I could if she had the rabbits."

"Don't you worry about the rabbits. I'll bring home enough to make pies for the whole neighborhood. Taylor was out the other day and killed fifty. I ought to do as well or better."

"And you are going to spend a whole day tramping around in the snow and wet in hopes to kill a rabbit?"

"I am going out for a day's recreation, same as hundreds of other men do. I am not going to look for one little rabbit, but for a hundred big ones. I may knock over a dozen quails and partridges before I am through. I fall to see where you can find any fault."

"But you are no hunter. As a matter of fact, you have not fired a gun three times in your life. If you fired at a rabbit you would be as apt to hit one of your own feet."

"What!" shouted Mr. Bowser in tones so loud that he jumped the cat two feet high, although she was out on the back fence. "Woman, do you mean to insult me?"

"Of course not, but you know it's the truth. If you were going out to hunt rabbits with a club I wouldn't say a word, but if—"

"That will do, madam—that will do. We need not discuss the subject further."

"I am glad you have given up the idea. You must know yourself what a dangerous thing a gun is in the hands of an inexperienced person."

"What! What! I give up the idea! By the seven great horned spoons, Mrs. Bowser, but you seem to be trying to provoke me to murder! Do you know who I am?"

"I think I have met you before."

"Then you know that when I set out to hunt rabbits not all the sarcasm and lying and deceit and fault finding in the world can change my determination. I set out tomorrow morning to hunt the hopping hare. I shall find him—scores of him. I will bring him home and convert him into pies—thousands of pies. I will sit down and feast on these pies all the rest of the winter, and if you dare to touch one single morsel of them I'll divorce you within fifteen minutes!"

Mrs. Bowser had no more to say. She had simply meant to discourage him instead of bringing on a row, and she secretly wished she had been more polite. Mr. Bowser walked up and down with beating chest for a time and then returned to his gun and cartridges. He had no experience with shotguns, and he had never killed a rabbit, but he did not regard that as a handicap. When the silence had lasted a quarter of an hour Mrs. Bowser broke it by asking if the Japs had taken Port Arthur yet.

"I have nothing to do with the Japs or Port Arthur," was the stiff reply.

"Why should there be more rabbits this year than last?"

"The rabbit question has been dropped."

"But I wish you wouldn't be angry with me. Of course I'm only a woman

bonnet ready and begin to feel how it feels to be a widdy!"

A street car line took Mr. Bowser out among the farmers. Only one unpleasant incident happened en route. A small boy and his father were on the car, and, after looking at Mr. Bowser for a long time, the small boy queried:

"Father, is that a Nimrod?"

"It may be a Nimrod, my son, or it may be a durned fool—it's hard to tell!"

Half a mile beyond the terminus of the car line the hunter turned into the fields, and his heart was instantly rejoiced. There were tracks in the snow—thousands of tracks—and it seemed to him as if all the rabbits in the country had been playing in that locality. Finding a rabbit track and finding the rabbit who made it are two different things, however, as Mr. Bowser soon came to know.

He peered into hollow stumps and behind them, he looked up into tree tops and down into hollows, he trailed the hopping hare to right and left and held his gun ready to shoot, but he walked miles, and hours went by, and the main ingredient for that rabbit pie was still lacking.

Now and then he encountered a farmer and asked him where the lair of the elusive hare could be found, but no two answered him alike. Some told him to keep right on for five miles farther and then turn to the left and go on for four miles, and some said that there was no idiot asylum within a distance of fifteen miles.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, as Mrs. Bowser was planning a good dinner for her absent Nimrod, a farmer looking man rang the doorbell, and she admitted him.

"Is this Mrs. Bowser?" he asked.

"It is."

"Is your husband short and stout and baldheaded?"

"Yes."

"And did he go out into the country today to shoot rabbits?"

"He did."

"Well, mum, I've got something to tell you. He came along to my place looking for the hopping hare, as he called it, and he blazed away at a chipmunk on the fence and killed two turkeys and wounded a calf, and a constable is holding him in the barn until he shall pay \$15 damages. He didn't have but \$5 with him, and I'm here to see if you want to pay the balance and let him come."

Mrs. Bowser sent the ransom and waited. Five hours later as she sat in the sitting room the front door softly opened and closed, and ghostly foot-steps ascended the stairs. A ghostly man sat down hard on a chair in the family bedroom, and a ghostly grunt of relief came floating down to her ears. She could have gone up to investigate or she could have called from the foot of the stairs, but she did neither. She put on her hat and went over to a neighbor's for an hour to give Mr. Bowser a chance to get a bite to eat and get to bed.

M. QUAD.

EXPOSITION NOTES.

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